

NEWS RELEASE

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Yakima River levels on the rise

Richland, Wash: Water levels in the Yakima River are forecast to rise significantly over the next 24-36 hours. Benton County Emergency Services reminds residents living along the Yakima River to monitor water levels in their area. Recent rains have swollen creeks and streams that flow into the Yakima upstream from our location.

Currently, the Yakima is expected to crest just below flood stage early Thursday morning, November 9. Residents of Benton City, West Richland, and Richland living in low-lying areas along the Yakima could see minor localized flooding before water levels begin to recede.

County officials will continue to monitor river levels and will advise area residents if conditions change. Up-to-date information is also available on the Benton County Emergency Services website – www.bces.wa.gov.

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